

DAIC Community Feast and Forum

August 23, 2007

Members Present: Dr. Robert Powless, Donna Ennis, Warner Wirta, Tony LaDeaux, John Day, Ricky Defoe, Mike Sayers, Michele Gordon, Joy Dorscher, Beatrice Kitto.

Staff Present: Keith Hamre

Community Speakers:

Warner Wirta: He stated that it is important to get involved in DAIC. He reminded us that Democracy was started by Indians.

Tina Silliman: She wishes Intertribal commodities were available. Racism is alive and well in the community.

Vienna Kagak: Concerned about drug use/abuse by youth. She said we need more alternatives for youth.

Linda Legarde Grover: She would like to see an Indian Center in Duluth.

Kathy West: She is having problems with the Casinos.

Gail Daniel: She would like to see the Ojibway language revitalized. Maybe offered in the new Indian Center.

Marlene Diver: She is concerned about the disturbance of burial sites in Duluth. The County Commissioners wouldn't get involved.

Denver: He is newly recovering and finds Duluth to be a sober town.

Al Kitto: The Mayoral election is coming up. Be sure to vote. Duluth is a racist town.

Thunderhawk Warrior: Poverty and Racism is alive and well in Duluth. No Indians in positions of power.

Earth Rising Sun: We need an Indian Community Center in Duluth. We need one place for everyone to go. Schools don't offer Indian Language.

Virgil Sohm: He would also like to see more culture offered in the schools.

Melanie Ford: She introduced her County Attorney staff. She stated that she would like to work closely with the Native Community.

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Bea Kitto: She said there isn't justice for Indian women in the criminal justice system.

Sherry Sanchez Tibbets: She gave an update on the American Indian Housing Center.

Joy Dorscher: She appreciates the people coming out tonight to voice their concerns.

Mike Sayers: He stressed the importance of helping make a change.

Donna Ennis: She thanked Dr. Powless for his support, financial and otherwise.

Tony LaDeaux: He gave an update on the proposed Civilian Review Board.